

REGISTER OF HISTORIC KANSAS PLACES---COVER SHEET

Name of Property Jedediah Peck Mather HouseLocation 212 Simcock
(street and number)Council Grove
(city, town, or vicinity location)
(legal description)Morris
(county)Owner of Property Shar-Joy, Inc. (Connie Essington and Sharon Haun, Partners)406 Hays
(street and number)Council Grove, Morris
(city, town, county)

National Register status:

date approved for nomination to the National Register by Kansas Historic
Sites Board of Review date entered in National Register

Description: The J.P. Mather house was built in 1862 in the form of an "Upright-and-Wing", consisting of a two-story gable-fronted main block and a perpendicular one-and-a-half story wing. The main block, which remains, has a 3-bay facade and a side-hall plan. It was constructed of walnut throughout, including the horizontal board siding.

In 1909 the house was greatly altered. A wrap-around porch was added to the main block and a two story projecting block was added to the wing, which was made two-story. In 1983 the house again underwent a major alteration. At that time a two-story bedroom and sunroom wing was added beyond the earlier additions. Numerous changes were made on the interior as well, but the original main block maintains much of its original form and appearance.

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Significance The Mather house is locally significant both architecturally and historically.
Architecturally it is, in part, a rare remaining example of the Upright-and-Wing
house type, although it has been greatly altered. Historically, it is important as
the home of Jedediah Peck Mather, who came to Council Grove in 1860 and established
the first lumber and grist mill in Morris County. Mather built this house and lived
in it until 1897, when he and his family moved to Emporia.

Form prepared by Richard J. Cawthon date June 12, 1984

This property was approved for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places by
the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review on May 26, 1984
I hereby certify that this property is included in the Register of Historic Kansas
Places.



State Historic Preservation Officer

June 12, 1984
Date